P.G.& E. Negotiations Now On

TO HEAR COMPANY COUNTER PROPOSALS AT MAY MEETINGS

The Union's proposals for amendments to the Agreement between Local 1245 and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company were submitted to the Company on April 28, Negotiating Committees for the Union and Company met on May 4 and 5 in the first session of the 1960 Negotiations.

The proposals as submitted to the Company were the same as were printed in the last issue of the UTILITY REPORTER, plus a number of proposals on certain subjects Mr. Casalina brought up after the Conference in accordance with the criteria adopted by the Committee. Further details on the negotiability proposals are available at Unit Meetings.

The May 4 and 5 meetings of the Committees were for the purpose of discussing the Union proposals to amend the Agreement covering physical and clerical employees. The Union completed its explanation in the two-day session and answered questions from the Company.

The Company submitted no proposals for amending the Agreement this year but reserved the right to present their position in their counter-proposals.

At the present time the Company is preparing counter-proposals which will be submitted to the Union and taken up at the next meetings which are scheduled for May 24 and 25. Representing the Union at the meetings were Ronald T. Weik, Local 1245, AFL-CIO, 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, Calif.

224 New Members Signed As Contest Gets Up Steam

Ten members of Local 1245 have now qualified for prizes by signing up at least five new members each in the current Organizing Contest. In addition, three of these people have won more than five members prior to continuing their efforts to organize.

As the UTILITY REPORTER went to press, 224 new members had been signed up in the Organizing Drive with more applications coming in every day.

Leading the contest for the color television set was the other major prizes are John Zap- sanon, San Francisco Gas Depart- ment, with 22. "Nick" Garcia, Oakland Electric Department, with 11; and Robert Zavala, S. M.U.D., with 10.

Other members who have qualified for five-member prizes are: Edna Bartley, San Francis- co; James H. Fountain, North Bay; Ralph H. Lancaster, San Jose; Ralph Rodriguez, East Bay; Floyd Slow, San Jose; Richard Deboun, S.M.U.D.; and Jesse Urrea, San Jose.

As a result of the efforts of "Nick" Garcia, the Oakland Overhead Department is now fully organized. "Nick" intends to stay in the running for the color television set, however. He is teaming up with Joan Bynum, Hayward office, to make home calls on clerical employees in the East Bay and sign them up for the Union.

Organizing Committees have been formed in many locations and special meetings are being arranged by several of the representatives to augment the drive.

LOCAL 77 WINS RAISE AT SEATTLE

A contract effective April 1 between Puget Sound Power and Light Company and I.B.E.W. Local 77, Seattle, Washington, will result in wage increases of more than 4%. The new hourly scale for linemen is $3.37 per hour, a 14 cent increase. Further detail are not available at this time.

1245 Hires Radiation Consultant

The Executive Board of Local 1245 has authorized the retention of Mr. Sam L. Casalina, Radiation Safety Consultant, effective May 2, 1960. Mr. Casalina's services will be utilized in the Local's program in the field of nuclear power and radiation safety. The program is in the initial stages of development.

The first phase of the education program was the briefing of the Officers on the subject matter and future possibilities. Educational meetings of key Local 1245 personnel will follow. Mr. Casalina will also assist in the development of our research library and active files in this important undertaking.

We consider it fortunate that we are gaining the professional services of Mr. Casalina whose educational background includes a M.S. degree from the University of California, the Institute of Nuclear Studies, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, attendance at Glendale City College, and the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Casalina worked his way (Continued on Page 7)

Complete Listing of Candidates Appears in Special Union Election Supplement, Pages Four Through Six
During the month of June, the members of this Union will have a year-around situation. By May 31st, the Local Union Election Committee will have mailed a ballot to every member of this Union qualified to vote in accordance with Article 1, Section 3, of the By-Laws. These ballots must be marked and mailed back to the Election Committee postmarked for the Post Office Box by 10:00 a.m., June 15, will be counted.

On June 7th, the State of California will hold its Primary Election.

There is no competition in either of those elections. Some Unions and some countries (Mexico, New Zealand, Belgium, Argentina, among others) provide for an election. The idea is not new to many people, and not direct contestants in the economic jungle of everyday life.

Our rising population makes for more people seeking recreation. The multi-billion dollar industry is the result of our changing economy, our rising population, and of the pursuit of more and more escape from the daily task of making a living.

As our economy expands, more money is available for recreation. Organized labor, through collective bargaining with progressive employers, has built the principle of longer vacations with more money to spend on vacations. As a result, people vote.

Our rising population makes for more people seeking competition for the vacation dollar. Basic industries engaged competition for the vacation dollar. Basic industries engaged in metals, autos, boats, trailers, motors, and all of the consumer goods are competing for a Shop Steward to do his job.

Most people can throw away their troubles and relax, but their knowing so, many do not vote. Our Union and our Nation believe that people will recognize their responsibility and vote without being forced to by a particular individual or group.

We sincerely hope our members will not disappoint us by failing to exercise their precious franchise.

NEW CITIZEN—Ana Maria Keyper went to the Bank of America in San Francisco on April 7, 1960, a special order of a court in this country from Guatemala. Her fellow Union members at General Office offered congratulations and best wishes.

GEN. CONSTR. STEWARDS IN FOURTH MEET

The General Construction Shop Stewards' meeting held in Oakland on Saturday, April 23, was the fourth in the past year and, according to those in attendance, the best. Most of the meetings have been called for specific purposes such as negotiations, union business, or to take up the expense issue, etc., whereas this meeting was general and very informative in nature. The Shop Stewards had their questions answered and the administration received a resume of all matters which have been transacted.

At Hampton, Assistant Business Manager, explained the organizing committee and distributed lists to those present. Mr. Hammond, explaining the theory and procedure, also discussed the effectiveness of Shop Stewards in General Construction.

Some of our more active Shop Stewards brought action members to the meeting with the result that three Shop Stewards were appointed. These three members who showed the enthusiasm and interest necessary for a Shop Steward to do his job were appointed.

Joe Mayes, Shop Steward and Chairman of the General Construction Shop Stewards Unit at Bakersfield, reported to the assembled Stewards on the situation of the Bakersfield steelworkers. He thanked the General Construction Department for all the help they offered and thanked the officers of the Union for all the help they offered.

The trouble with most folks is not so much their ignorance, but their knowing so, many do not vote. Ballots are worked for P.G. & E. for four years in this country from Guatemala. Their fellow Union members at General Office offered congratulations and best wishes.

Stewards’ Newsletter

Reports Signing of Hospital Plan Pact

From the Stewards’ Newsletter of Local 1245, B.E.W. Agreement between Local 1245 and P.G.&E. has been reached and a memo signed to establish a choice of hospital plans for employees of P.G.&E.

Discussions between your Benefit Committee and P.G.&E. disclosed that the P.S.E. Plan is the revised and specifications on the revised plan will be put out to bid. The agreement between Union and Company states in part that such time as the P.S.E. Hospital Plan is revised, it is understood that a Kaiser Foundation Health Plan will be made available to Company employees as an alternative, in which they may elect to participate. The Kaiser Plan will become effective on the same date to do the work. The company offers to contribute $5 per month per employee toward the cost of the premium of the plan in effect at the time the employee participa-

Automaton Throws 20,000 on Relief

BRUNSWICK, Ga.—Some 20,000 workers in the Cherokees area alone have been put on relief in the last few months by automation, the Illinois House was told as it began consideration of a $35 million state appropriation for public assistance.

Peter W. Caffell, executive secretary of the Illinois Public Aid Commission, said automation has been a key factor in the rising cost of relief. It has been reported as the legislature meets in special session.

Brain Has Fat" in Miami, Fla., union white collar workers have been talked about automation and electronic brains can take hours; the thinking capacity has been terribly. The Miami Brief Di-Bek, a local newspaper, has been turned on recently—turning out 80,000 impeccably printed newspapers each day. It could have taken a dozen or so men, a year or so, to do the same thing. The Miami Brief Di-Bek, a local newspaper, has been turned on recently—turning out 80,000 impeccably printed newspapers each day. It could have taken a dozen or so men, a year or so, to do the same thing. The Miami Brief Di-Bek, a local newspaper, has been turned on recently—turning out 80,000 impeccably printed newspapers each day. It could have taken a dozen or so men, a year or so, to do the same thing. The Miami Brief Di-Bek, a local newspaper, has been turned on recently—turning out 80,000 impeccably printed newspapers each day. It could have taken a dozen or so men, a year or so, to do the same thing.

Every Member An Organizer
Local 1245 Election Supplement

For the Office of President

James E. Gilks Jr.

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on November 1, 1948 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Light Crew Foreman at Modesto. Has been Vice Chairman of his Unit and has served on the Departmental Committee on Clinical lines of progression and in an advisory capacity to the P.G.E. System Negotiating Committee. Has attended the annual Local Union conferences in 1955, 1957, 1958 and 1959. 

CANDIDATES’ BACKGROUND

By action of the Local Union Executive Board, the Election Committee has instructed to utilize the following provisions of the International Constitution.

Article XXVII, Section 3 (140) (A)

"Notwithstanding the above, and in addition to the sample ballot, a L. U. may distribute a printed publication which shall list all candidates for L. U. office, together with a factual record of activities within the L. U., committee assignments performed, offices held and experience gained for and in behalf of the L. U. This publication shall be prepared subject to the supervision of the duly designated L. U. Election Committee."

In accordance with the foregoing, each candidate was notified to complete a questionnaire and return it, together with a photograph, suitable for publication, to the Election Committee. They were further notified that this completed questionnaire and/or photograph had to be in the Post Office Box by 10:00 a.m. on May 9, 1960, or the Election Committee would be unable to include the information requested in the May issue of the "Utility Reporter." Candidates that did not return this questionnaire are also listed, and the Committee has supplied their data of initiation into the Local, their job classification and work headquarters.


Joe S. Kreins

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on April 3, 1952 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Service Operator, 8th in Oakland, is currently serving on the Systems Negotiating Committee and as a Shop Steward. Has served as Chairman and Executive Committee Member of Unit 2314 and as a Shop Steward. Has represented Local Union 1245 on March 1, 1950 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as 1st Operator at Stanford Powerhouse.

Business Manager

Financial Secretary

Felix Bachmeier

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on November 1, 1943 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Watch Engineer on November 1, 1948 and as a Shop Steward. Has attended the Labor Management School at the University of San Francisco and the AFL-CIO Conferences in 1950 and 1960.

John Zapien

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on June 1, 1936 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Field Clerk in San Francisco. Is currently serving as Chairman of Unit 2413 and as a Shop Steward. Has attended the Labor Management School and was a member of the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices. Has been a member of the P.G.E. System Negotiating Committee 1961 through 1966. Sierra Pacific Power Company Negotiating Committee 1952 through 1966. Citizens Utilities Company of California Negotiating Committee, 1953 and 1960. Local Union 1245 as a delegate to the Governor's Industrial Safety Conference, Northern California Joint Executive Conference and classes on Industrial Relations at the University of San Francisco.

Ronald T. W. eakley


William J. Reno

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on March 1, 1950 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Clerk in West Sacramento. Has been a Vice Chairman of his Unit and has served on the Departmental Committee on Clinical lines of progression and in an advisory capacity to the P.G.E. System Negotiating Committee. Has attended the annual Local Union conferences in 1955, 1957, 1958 and 1959.

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Patrick F. McEvoy

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on December 1, 1931 and is employed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company as an Electrician in Richmond. Is currently serving as a Trustee Committee and a Shop Steward. Has served as Local Union Executive Committee, Area, as a member of the Advising Committee and on the System Safety Committee. Has attended the Governor's Industrial Safety Conference and classes in Industrial Relations at the University of San Francisco.

Charles D. Warrick

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on June 1, 1952 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Line Sub Foreman in Altamont.

Patrick F. McEvoy

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on December 1, 1931 and is employed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company as an Electrician in Richmond. Is currently serving as a Trustee Committee and a Shop Steward. Has served as Local Union Executive Committee, Area, as a member of the Advising Committee and on the System Safety Committee. Has attended the Governor's Industrial Safety Conference and classes in Industrial Relations at the University of San Francisco.

Minerv C. Brooks

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on June 1, 1942 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Light Crew Foreman in Modesto. Is the present Local Indian Vice President and has served as Executive Board Member from the Central

Marvin C. Brooks

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on June 1, 1942 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Light Crew Foreman in Modesto. Is the present Local Indian Vice President and has served as Executive Board Member from the Central

Peter E. Pelucca

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on April 1, 1953 and is employed by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sacramento. Is currently a delegate to the California Labor League for Political Education, as a member of the California Negotiating Committee, 1952 through 1960. Has represented Local Union 1245 as a delegate to various Labor Conferences and conventions.

FOR YOUR BALLOTS

On May 31, 1960, the Local Union Election Committee will cast all the ballots for this year's Local Union Election to all members eligible to vote in accordance with Article XXIV, Section 14 of the Local Union Bylaws. Each member will be mailed to each member to his address of record at the Local Union office. In the event a member does not receive his ballots within a reasonable time from May 31st, he may obtain same by writing to the Judge of the Election at the Local Union office at 10th Street, Oakdale 2, California, or by appearing in the Local Union office.

The Election Committee would like to urge that each member participate in this most important function of membership in the Local Union and promptly return his ballots in the manner prescribed by the instructions which will be included with the ballots. The Committee further suggests that each member maintain this copy of the Local Union Election Supplement until he receives his ballots.
Recording Sevy.

**Robert O. Jensen**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on April 1, 1956 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Clerk Driver, Light in Oakland.

**Allan C. Terk**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on June 5, 1960 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Labor Foreman at Caribou.

Loretta Olive Arneson

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on April 1, 1956 and is employed by the Sierra Pacific Power Company Negotiating Committee and a Shop Steward. Attended the Nevada State AFL-CIO Labor Institute in 1959 and the Local Union Conference in 1969.

James R. Martin

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on June 1, 1956. Is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as an Operator at Morning Star Substation. Is currently a member of Unit 3001 and has served as Vice-Chairman of Unit 3001 and a member of the San Joaquin Joint Grievance Committee and has served as Chairman of Units 1301 and 1111. Was a member of the P.U.E.K. System Negotiating Committee and attended the annual Local Union conference in 1969.

Walter A. Kaufmann

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on August 1, 1952. Is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Collector in Presque Isle. Is currently a member of the San Joaquin Joint Grievance Committee and has served as Chairman of Units 1301 and 1111. Was a member of the P.U.E.K. System Negotiating Committee and attended the annual Local Union conference in 1969.

**Gerald F. Slaughter**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on October 1, 1956 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Lineman in Santa Cruz. Has served as Chairman and as a member of the Executive Committee of Unit 1513.

**Ermanno H. Paganini**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on October 1, 1955 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Warehousesman in Oakland. Is currently the Vice-Chairman of Unit 2311 and a Shop Secretary. Has served as Recording Secretary of Unit 2311 and as a member of the Departmental Negotiating Committee on job definitions and lines of progression, Warehouse Department. Attended the annual Local Union conferences in 1959 and 1969.

Robert E. Stab

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on November 1, 1947 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Troubleman in Santa Rosa. Is the present Executive Board Member of Southern Area and a Shop Steward. Has served on the Executive Committee of Units 1246 and 1211, as a member of the Advisory Council-Coast Valleys Division, Coast Valleys and San Joaquin Divisions Joint Grievance Committee and as a member of Unit 1246's Safety Committee. Has represented Local Union 1245 as a delegate to the Pacific Coast Education Conference sponsored by the AFL-CIO in 1956. California Labor Federation Convention—1956 to the California Labor Federation Labor—Management Reporting and Disclosure Act Conference in 1959, and to various Dir. I.B.E.W. Progress Meetings and the California State Association of Electrical Knowledge. Also represented Local Union 1245 in the Tri-County committee on the employee-employer relations initiat-

**Sylvester S. Cruz, Sr.**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on July 25, 1950 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Machinist at Point Power Plant. Is currently titular operator at the Hunters Point Power Plant.

Rocco W. Fera

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on August 1, 1952 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as an Auxiliary Operator at the Hunters Point Power Plant.

**John F. Morgan**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on July 1, 1952 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Clerk in San Francisco. Is currently a Shop Steward and a member of the General Office Department Joint Grievance Committee. Previously served as a member of the East Bay Division Joint Grievance Committee and as a Shop Steward in East Bay Division.

**George W. Lamka**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on August 1, 1956 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Lineman in Drought. Is currently a member of the Executive Committee of Unit 3613 and has served as Recorder. Has attended the annual Local Union conference in 1969.

**Kenneth Waters**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on July 6, 1950 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Voltage Tester in Santa Rosa. Attended the annual Local Union conference in 1969.

**Gerald F. Watson**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on March 1, 1952 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Lineman in Orcutt. Is currently the Advisory Council—Shasta Division. Has served as Chairman of Unit 2211 and is a member of the Shasta Division Joint Grievance Committee. Has served as a member of the Local Union By-laws Committee.

**Laurence E. Barbour**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on August 15, 1955 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as an Electrician at the Point Power Plant. Is currently titular operator at the Hunters Point Power Plant.

**John W. Michael**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on February 1, 1956 and is employed in the General Construction Department of Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Mechanic in Station Division. Is currently Advisory Council—Member General Construction Department, a member of the General Construction Department Joint Grievance Committee and a Shop Steward. Has served on the General Construction Department Joint Grievance Committee and as a member of the P.U.E.K. System Negotiating Committee. Attended the annual Local Union conferences in 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960 and 1969.

For Local Union Executive Board (Southern Area)

**Albert M. Boler**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on January 1, 1946 and is employed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Clerk Driver, Light in Sonoma.

**Richard N. Sands**

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on November 1, 1984 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Cableplumber in Oakland. Is currently the Executive Board Member-Central Area and a Shop Steward. Has served as a member of the Advisory Council, East Bay Division and the Departmental Negotiating Committee for job definitions and lines of progression. Underground Department. Represented Local Union 1245 as a delegate to the California Labor Federation Convention in 1958 and the Northern California Joint Executive Board Conference. I.B.E.W.—1959. Attended the annual Local Union conferences in 1957, 1959, 1959 and 1960.

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1245 on November 28, 1949 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as an Electrician in Bakersfield. Is currently the Chairman of Unit 1112, a Shop Steward, and a member of the Benefit Advisory Committee. Has served on the System Negotiating Committee and the Departmental Negotiating Committee, for job definitions and lines of progression, Electric Department Maintenance.

**Department of Pipeline Operations**

**Coast Valleys**

Donald E. Bennett

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on September 1, 1964 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Communications Technician in San Luis Obispo. Is currently the Advisory Council Member-Coast Valleys Division. Has served as Vice Chairman of Unit 1211 and as a Shop Steward.

**Susan and Santa Clara M.U.D.**

E. F. Chittenden

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on October 1, 1951 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as an Electrician at Hinkley Compressor Station. Is currently a member of the Executive Committee of Unit 1311, a member of the Department of Pipeline Line Operations Joint Grievance Committee, and a Shop Steward. Has served as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Recorder of Unit 1311 and on the Departmental Negotiations Committee, Job Definitions and lines of progression, Department of Pipeline Operations. Attended the annual Local Union conferences in 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960.

**San Francisco Division and General Office**

William M. Kennedy

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on December 1, 1958 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Lineman in Oakland. Is currently the Advisory Council Member-East Bay and Stores Division, Chairman of Unit 2314, and a Shop Steward. Attended the annual Local Union conferences in 1959 and 1960.

**Sacramento Municipal Utility District**

Royal D. McBreavehue

Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on April 1, 1966 and is employed by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District as a Lineman.

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Henry B. Lucas
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on October 1, 1952 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Lineman in Eureka. Is currently the Advisory Council Member— Humboldt Division, and a member of the Humboldt Division Joint Grievance Committee. Represented Local Union 1245 as a delegate to the I.B.E.W. International Convention in 1956.

Charles E. Hasy
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on May 1, 1954 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as an Emergency Relief First Operator at Sheriff. Is currently the Recorder of Unit 2401 and a Shop Steward. Has served on the Humboldt Division Joint Grievance Committee and as a Shop Steward. Has served as Chairman of the Benefit Advisory Committee, attended annual Local Union conferences in 1959 and 1960.

Sacramento
Jena Zuhl
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on June 1, 1956 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Gas Service-man at Rancho Cordova. Attended the annual Local Union conference in 1956.

Citizens Utilities Co. of California
Joan Elizabeth Bynum
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on April 10, 1952 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as PBX Operator, Company Store. Has served as a member of the East Bay Division Joint Grievance Committee and as Shop Steward. Has served as Chairman of the Citizens Utilities Company of California Negotiating Committee, and as Shop Steward.

General Construction Department

Edward L. Orzalli
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on April 13, 1947 and is employed by the General Construction Department of Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Clerk. Represented Local Union 1245 at the Governor's Industrial Safety Conferences in 1956 and 1959.

Jerry G. Wall
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on July 1, 1954 and is employed by the General Construction Department of Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Mechanic in Station Division. Currently a member of the General Construction Joint Grievance Committee, Shop Steward, and an Advisory Council Member. Represented Local Union 1245 as a delegate to the annual Local Union conference in 1960.

PG&E Clerical Department

Wesley R. Bennett
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on July 1, 1957 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Clerk "C" in Oakland.

Stanley A. Butera
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on July 1, 1957 and is employed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Clerk "C," General Office, San Francisco. Is currently the Recorder of Unit 2401 and a Shop Steward.

Richard D. Kern
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on February 10, 1959 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Machine Operator X, General Office. Presently Advisory Council Member—San Francisco Electronic Data Processing Center of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a Shop Steward and a member of the System Negotiating Committee. Represented Local Union 1245 as a delegate to the 9th Annual Systems and Procedures Conference.

Gas Storage Field of PG&E
In Service
Completion of a $200,000 compressor installation has marked the beginning of the injection of natural gas produced from other areas into the Pleasant Creek Storage Field northwest of Watsonville. Pacific Gas and Electric Company announced recently that the new underground storage field is now in operation.

The 750,000 cubic foot storage field, located in a rolling hilltop near the center of the 60 acre storage area, has a capacity of 240,000 cubic feet for "peaking," or emergencies, and will force gas into the partially depleted gas field through miles of lines. Well pipes each about one half mile deep, gas will be withdrawn from the same wells as demands require.

A portion of the gas injected will remain as a permanent "cushion" to prevent the intrusion of water which would damage the minute cells in porous rocks. Gas, when held under pressure, is artificially maintained under pressure otherwise the gas is naturally held. Pressures range from 2,500 to 3,000 pounds per square inch will be maintained underground when the storage is at full capacity.

Working capacity of the field initially will be 1.2 billion cubic feet and ultimately will be 3.2 billion cubic feet. The gas will be used for "peaking" or emergencies. The system demands on days when the PG&E system load is high.

John Capriola
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on July 1, 1952 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Collector in Fresno.

Damon Pembroke
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on May 1, 1945 and is employed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Collector in Marysville. Presently a member of the Colgate Division Joint Grievance Committee and a delegate to the Marysville Central Labor Council. Has served as Chairman and Executive Committee member of Local 3001. Attended the annual Local Union conferences in 1957, 1959 and 1960.

Joseph F. Stansbury
Was initiated by Local Union 1245 on November 1, 1952 and is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Collector in Fresno.

Electronic Data Processing Center
Kettleman Pipeliners Are Hit by Bad Luck

Kettleman Compressor Station formulation is that those who work on it are unfortunate victims of an accident. This is the story of how Felix Wankel, an expert on rotary engines, and his assistant, John Mansfield, were both hit by a truck during the construction work.

At about 7:45 a.m., while navigating the winding, narrow and treacherous road area from the Station to the Kettleman Compressor Station, Felix Wankel went off course and the truck he was driving ran off the road and hit a telephone pole. Both Felix and John were injured and taken to the hospital, where they were later pronounced dead.

The Kettleman Compressor Station, located in central California, is part of the largest gas pipeline in the United States. The pipeline carries natural gas from the Permian Basin in Texas to the Pacific coast, serving more than 20 million customers in California, Oregon, and Washington.

The accident occurred during the construction phase of the Kettleman Compressor Station, which is expected to be completed in 2023. The pipeline is scheduled to be in service by 2024.

The pipeline is part of a major expansion project to increase the capacity of the existing pipeline by 25 percent. The project is expected to add 2.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to the system, providing additional energy to meet the growing demand for natural gas in California.

The construction phase involves the installation of new compressor stations, such as the Kettleman Compressor Station, to increase the pipeline's capacity. The pipeline is expected to be the largest of its kind in the world, and its completion is expected to reduce the reliance on imported natural gas.

The accident has raised concerns about safety in the construction phase of major infrastructure projects. The pipeline company has expressed its condolences to the families of the victims and has promised to review its safety procedures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

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Kettleman Compressor Station

A company that is responsible for the construction of the Kettleman Compressor Station is Kettleman Pipeline Company. The company is owned by Kettleman Gas Corporation, which is a subsidiary of the California Public Utility Commission.

The pipeline company has expressed its condolences to the families of the victims and has promised to review its safety procedures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

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NEW 2-PART GAS ENGINE IS CLOSE TO PRODUCTION

The new engine, developed by Curtiss-Wright Corporation and the German manufacturer Werkse Neekarsulm, is a 2-part gas engine that combines the advantages of a conventional gasoline engine with those of a Stirling engine.

The new engine is based on the principle of the Stirling engine, which uses a regenerative heat exchanger to transfer heat between the working fluid and the engine's exhaust heat. The working fluid is a mixture of air and oil, which is compressed and expanded in a closed cycle, generating power in the process.

The new engine has a displacement of 1,000 cubic inches, and it is designed for use in small aircraft or as a power source for small vehicles. The engine is expected to be produced in small quantities, with a production run of 1,000 units planned.

The engine is designed to be efficient and reliable, with a fuel efficiency of 25 miles per gallon and a maximum power output of 200 horsepower. It is expected to be available for purchase in the second half of 2022.
NEW GAINS MADE, SIERRA PACIFIC'S PACT IS RATIFIED

Local 245 Negotiating Committee for Sierra Pacific Power Company employees composed of employee members Lowery Arason, Bob Newberry and Orville Owen, with Business Manager Ronald T. Weakley and Staff Members L. L. Mitchell and Roy R. Murray, commenced negotiations May 4, 1960 with Company negotiators Neil Public General Superintendents R. A. Holcomb (appoint- ing Secretary); and Frank Schuster, Assistant to the Legal Counsel for the Union, on April 4, 1960. A settlement subject to member- ship ratification was reached April 18, 1960.

The parties in resolving the problems of machine process in the office, the 4½ per cent increase will affect some 300 bargaining unit employees with average wage rates of 12 cents per hour. The new journeyman electrician rate is $2.68-$2.79; 9 cents to $3.14 per hour and fitter-electrician $2.03 to $2.12 per hour.

Bargaining sessions were well attended and very amicable. Both sides have made great progress in their respective positions. It has been the desire of both sides to settle this agreement. The union feels the present settlement is the best that can be obtained at this time. This agreement is the result of an effort to settle the contract as it was due to expire in March 1960.

Terms of the Agreement:

1. Adjustment of a Joint Safety Committee to investigate safety hazards.

2. A company shall replace all personal tools worn out in the service of the company and the extra cost from the company and the cost of safety straps and replace-able blades.

3. Settlement of a Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the purpose of defining the requirements and job standards.

4. The employment of 14 new job classifications including jobs for new office procedures.

5. Agreement to provide wage protection for demoted employees to avoid the introduction of new clerical procedures.


7. Agreement to extend the Agreement for a period of one year.

8. Agreement to increase the present wage increase to be applied to all classifications, effective May 1, 1960.

9. Agreement to increase the present wage rate of 12 cents per hour and fitter-welders will affect some 360 bargaining unit workers. The settlement has met many of the objectives set forth in the recent conference, "Project '60", of local 245. The membership set forth its belief that a real effort on the part of Sierra Pacific's management to live up to its responsibilities to employees and the community was shown in our negotiations.

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Business Manager Weakley, in comment on the agreement, stated, "I feel that it is noteworthy to the members of the company and the public that the parties have resolved them peacefully and fairly while living up to the "red circle" program as we see in many Labor-Mangement Controversies in America.

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Key System Unions

Also in Negotiations

Consumers Power Settles After Six-Week Strike

One of the longest strikes in the history of the utility industry, which began on February 29, 1960, was settled a little after midnight on April 7, 1960. Negotiators for the Utility Workers Union and Consumers Power Company in Michigan reached agreement on the proposed wage increase after improved shift differentials, an approximating 21½ cents hourly wage increase over a two-year period. The increase was to be applied to the pay of not more than $2.50 hourly; those workers with the lowest rate of up from $2.42 to $2.53 hourly were in- creased to $2.50 cents hourly and the general increase from $2.67 to $2.84 cents hourly.

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